

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, September 8, 2016  
Administration Building - Room 310*

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Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Shana Shroll.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Bolter, Brieve, Chivis, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Jones, Kallman, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Shroll, Stek, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees - 18.

Absent: Chair Saalfeld - 1.

Invocation: Commissioner Vonk gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2016, Meeting

b) Resolutions:

9-8-16-61 – M-6 NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE / PARKS

WHEREAS, Kent County Parks has constructed a non-motorized trail along M-6 as funding is allowed. Funds are available for construction of a segment from Clay Avenue to Division Avenue along M-6 in Byron Township; and

WHEREAS, the project supports the County's long-range plans for regional trail development; and

WHEREAS, as with other segments of the M-6 trail which are located on the MDOT right-of-way, the County is responsible for the costs of construction and for maintenance of the pathway after it is completed. The Parks Department has funding in its budget for this project; and

WHEREAS, Parks staff anticipates trail maintenance will consist of mowing the trail edge and based on similar experience with non-motorized trails can be absorbed into the existing Parks budget; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement as to form; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby accepts and appropriates \$650,000 from the Michigan Department of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair and/or Administrator/Controller to sign an Agreement with Michigan Department of Transportation regarding the construction of a non-motorized pathway along M-6 from Clay Avenue to Division Avenue in Byron Township.

9-8-16-62 – MILLENNIUM PARK – MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
CONSERVATION EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, in August 2008, the County was granted Permit No. 08-41-0082-P from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to construct trails, bridges and overlook decks within regulated wetlands in Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the MDEQ Permit required the County to construct 0.72 acres of wetlands as mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Permit required that Kent County grant a Conservation Easement to the MDEQ to protect the functions and values of existing wetlands and to protect the benefits to the public derived from wetlands and its important habitat. The size of the Conservation Easement is 0.87 acres; and

WHEREAS, the construction is complete and the Agreement for Conservation Easement must now be granted; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement for Conservation Easement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Corporate Counsel; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Agreement for Conservation Easement to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as part of Permit No. 08-41-0082-P for the installation of a nature trail through wetlands within Millennium Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair and/or Administrator/Controller to sign the Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Stek, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Kallman, Jones, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Brieve, Bolter, Antor, Vice Chair Shroll – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

9-8-16-63 – FY 2017-2021 TITLE IV-E GRANT / PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides supplemental funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program to enhance child protection and permanence; and

WHEREAS, beginning in FY 2017, the State will move to a five-year grant application cycle to reduce the workload and processing requirements for the State and the County. Funding levels will be reviewed and adjusted annually, with General Fund support included in the annual budget recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the State projects allocating \$140,000 per year for each of the five years in the grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes that the Prosecutor’s IV-E Grant Program will continue to operate with nine full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Prosecutor’s Office FY 2017 – 2021 Title IV-E Grant Agreement with the MDHHS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$700,000 from MDHHS to the Special Projects Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair or designee to execute the grant agreement and approve grant extensions and changes, within 15 percent of the original award.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Kallman, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, to amend the resolution to include the appropriation of the County general fund portion of the program so that the second to the last paragraph would read:

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$140,000 from MDHHS and \$876,552 from the County General Fund to the 2016-17 Special Projects Fund; and*

Motion to amend carried by voice vote.

9-8-16-63 – FY 2017-2021 TITLE IV-E GRANT / PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides supplemental funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program to enhance child protection and permanence; and

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WHEREAS, the State projects allocating \$140,000 per year for each of the five years in the grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes that the Prosecutor's IV-E Grant Program will continue to operate with nine full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Prosecutor's Office FY 2017 – 2021 Title IV-E Grant Agreement with the MDHHS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$140,000 from MDHHS and \$876,552 from the County General Fund to the 2016-17 Special Projects Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair or designee to execute the grant agreement and approve grant extensions and changes, within 15 percent of the original award.

Motion to approve Resolution 9-8-16-63 as amended carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Stek, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Kallman, Jones, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Brieve, Bolter, Antor, Vice Chair Shroll – 18.

Nays: 0.

9-8-16-64 – CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS ACT GRANT / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides supplemental funding to counties to assist offices with implementing the requirements of the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim Rights Act, P.A. 87 of 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Victim Witness Unit will continue to operate with 9 full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Prosecutor's Office FY 2017 Crime Victim Rights Act Grant with the MDHHS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$177,000 from the MDHHS to the Special Projects Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair or designee to execute the grant agreement and approve grant extensions and changes, within 15 percent of the original award.

Motion by Commissioner Ponstein, seconded by Commissioner Mast, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, to amend the resolution to include the appropriation of the County general fund portion of the program so that the second to the last paragraph would read:

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$177,000 from the MDHHS and \$500,064 from the County General Fund to the 2016-17 Special Projects Fund; and*

Motion to amend carried by voice vote.

9-8-16-64 - CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS ACT GRANT / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides supplemental funding to counties to assist offices with implementing the requirements of the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim Rights Act, P.A. 87 of 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Victim Witness Unit will continue to operate with 9 full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Prosecutor's Office FY 2017 Crime Victim Rights Act Grant with the MDHHS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$177,000 from the MDHHS and \$500,064 from the County General Fund to the 2016-17 Special Projects Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair or designee to execute the grant agreement and approve grant extensions and changes, within 15 percent of the original award.

Motion to approve Resolution 9-8-16-63 as amended carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Stek, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Kallman, Jones, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Brieve, Bolter, Antor, Vice Chair Shroll – 18.

Nays: 0.

9-8-16-65 – FY 2017-2021 TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program to enforce Court orders for child support; and

WHEREAS, beginning in FY 2017, the State will move to a five-year grant application cycle to reduce the workload and processing requirements for the State and the County. Funding levels will be reviewed and adjusted annually, with General Fund support included in the annual budget recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the projected allocations for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021 are as follows:

| Year         | State               | County              | Other              | Total               |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2016-17      | \$6,491,100         | \$2,194,747         | \$1,063,000        | \$9,748,847         |
| 2017-18      | 6,779,490           | 2,393,487           | 1,063,000          | 10,235,977          |
| 2018-19      | 7,093,149           | 2,578,029           | 1,063,000          | 10,734,178          |
| 2019-20      | 7,407,562           | 2,767,183           | 1,063,000          | 11,237,745          |
| 2020-21      | 7,753,790           | 3,010,447           | 1,063,000          | 11,827,237          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$35,525,091</b> | <b>\$12,943,893</b> | <b>\$5,315,000</b> | <b>\$53,783,984</b> |

WHEREAS, the application proposes that the Friend of the Court continue to operate with 100 full-time positions. In addition, the grant will cover a portion of personnel costs of 14 staff from the Circuit Court-Family Division (Referees & Referees Clerks); and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Friend of the Court's FY 2017 – 2021 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$35,525,091 from MDHHS, \$12,943,893 from the County General Fund, and \$5,315,000 from other sources to the 2016-17 Special Projects Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair or designee to execute the grant agreement and approve grant extensions and changes, within 15 percent of the original award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the positions will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants, Contracts, and Donations.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Stek, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Kallman, Jones, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Brieve, Bolter, Antor, Vice Chair Shroll – 18.

Nays: 0.

9-8-16-66 – FY 2017-2021 TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program to establish paternity and secure support orders; and

WHEREAS, beginning in FY 2017, the State will move to a five-year grant application cycle to reduce the workload and processing requirements for the State and the County. Funding levels will be reviewed and adjusted annually, with General Fund support included in the annual budget recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the projected allocations for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021 are as follows:

| Year         | County             | State              | Total               |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2016-17      | \$667,432          | \$1,295,603        | \$1,963,035         |
| 2017-18      | 684,764            | 1,329,247          | 2,014,011           |
| 2018-19      | 705,516            | 1,369,532          | 2,075,048           |
| 2019-20      | 745,522            | 1,447,190          | 2,192,712           |
| 2020-21      | 725,542            | 1,408,406          | 2,133,948           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$3,528,776</b> | <b>\$6,849,978</b> | <b>\$10,378,754</b> |

WHEREAS, the application proposes that the Prosecutor's Cooperative Reimbursement Program will continue to operate with 19 full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the Prosecutor's Office FY 2017 – 2021 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$6,849,978 from MDHHS and \$3,528,776 from the County General Fund to the 2016-17 Special Projects Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair or designee to execute the grant agreement and approve grant extensions and changes, within 15 percent of the original award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the positions will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants, Contracts, and Donations.

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Stek, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Kallman, Jones, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Brieve, Bolter, Antor, Vice Chair Shroll – 18.

Nays: 0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Ann Tyson, 3921 S. Rosebud Drive, Kentwood – A candidate for the 13<sup>th</sup> County Commissioner District - thanked retiring Commissioner Vander Molen for his service to Kent County.

#### REPORTS

##### Gerald R. Ford International Airport

Commissioner Morgan: Fundraising efforts for the gateway transition project have raised \$17,000,000. With the \$25,000,000 from the airport, they are very close to the \$45,000,000 goal.

##### Fire Commission

Commissioner Jones: The Fire Commission will meet Friday, September 9, at 8:30 a.m., at the Road Commission, to continue reviewing goals set last December regarding the Fire Commission's benefits and structure.

##### Lakeshore Regional Entity

Commissioner Stek: The Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) meets this afternoon to consider approval of the budget. Recently, the LRE hosted a forum on strategies for the new Section 298 language.

##### Network180

Commissioner Mast: Network180's administration and I.T. offices are moving in early October. The Board is considering an application for Section 298 status.

##### Kentwood Landfill - DPW

Commissioner Vonk: The methane gas leak from the Kentwood Landfill is confined to the landfill property. The DPW will continue to monitor the situation in and around the landfill.

##### Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Talen: Tim Kelly from Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. will appear at the next Board meeting to give an update and report on the redesign of the Calder Plaza.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sympathy

Commissioner Bulkowski: Thanked everyone for their thoughts and condolences with regard to his mother's recent passing.

Medical Examiner's Report

Commissioner Jones: Applauded the Medical Examiner's Office and its Annual Report with regard to their great work with the Gift of Life of Michigan's organ and tissue donation program.

Sheriff Department Ride-Along

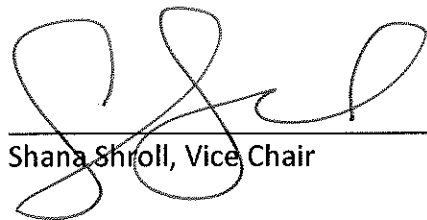
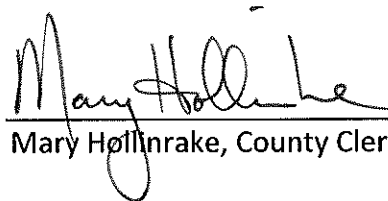
Commissioner Brieve: In August, she participated in a ride-along with Sheriff Deputy Danenberg. She was very impressed with the Deputy and how he handled the situations they came across during that shift. She is proud of the Sheriff Department and appreciative of the opportunity.

Board and Commission Appointments

Vice Chair Shroll: The deadline for citizen applications for boards and committees is September 30. Commissioners should have received a letter from Chair Saalfeld for commissioner board appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Vonk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 22, 2016, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Motion carried.

  
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Shana Shroll, Vice Chair  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk